

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANTS : Rouquier *et al.*  
SERIAL NUMBER : 09/747,155 EXAMINER : Michael T. Brannock, Ph.D.  
FILING DATE : December 21, 2000 ART UNIT : 1646  
FOR : NOVEL PEPTIDES AND NUCLEIC ACIDS ENCODING SAME

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time to respond to an Final Office Action mailed April 1, 2004, in the above-identified application. With the extension, the response is due on or before October 1, 2004. A check (#19412) in the amount of \$980.00, in payment of the fee required by 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(3) is enclosed herewith.

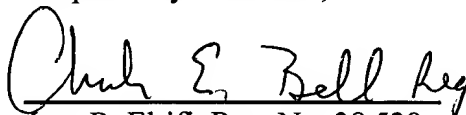
Please charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Attorney Reference No. 19904-008. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

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